

April 6, 1983

LB 304, 539, 571, 605, 608

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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Please indicate your presence. Record your presence, please. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you want to read some things in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 304 to Select File; 539 Select File; 605 and 608 Select File, all signed by Senator Rod Johnson. (See pages 1347-1348 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will go back to LB 571. Mr. Clerk, do you have something?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have to the bill is offered by Senator Howard Peterson. Senator Peterson would move to amend: (Read Peterson amendment as found on page 1348 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, this is the amendment that I said the other day I would likely offer if we did not kill the bill. Since this morning we voted not to kill the bill, it seems to me that it is time for us to at least be fair with the people who are involved and when all of the studies show that the cost of taking the sales tax is at least 4%, particularly for those small businesses we are talking about, the \$5,000 collectors, that we ought to go to 4% for them and then be reasonable with the bigger businesses, the 900 so-called corporations, and let them have 2% of the sales tax for their work on collection of sales tax. I just can't see how this body can stand here and feel that they are being fair with the retailers of this state when we want to insist that we want to ride on their backs in order to get the sales tax collected. Now if we think that we are being fair when we continue to take 3% from the Cities of Omaha and the Cities of Lincoln for collecting their sales tax which is only a very small percentage of what we take for the State of Nebraska, we turn that into the Revenue Department, say the Revenue Department has a right to charge them 3%, certainly for those amounts of money then we ought to be fair with the small retailer who has to go